

The Statement of the Foreign Office Spokesman

Regarding the Evacuation of the Chinese

Embassy in Japan. June 7, 1938.

On the 10th of January the Japanese Government issued a statement saying that Japan would have no more dealings with the Chinese National Government. Nevertheless, even after that the Japanese Authorities have treated Chinese diplomatic and consular agents and Chinese residents in Japan with utmost generosity. In particular, the staff of the Chinese Embassy at Tokyo just as those of the other foreign embassies and legations have been allowed special privileges, such as permission to receive code telegrams, exemption from taxation, and permission to visit the Diet in session; also Chinese property and buildings been under adequate protection by the Japanese authorities.

It may well be unparalleled from the Standpoint of International Law that despite the present disturbance the diplomatic agents of the Hankow Regime have been given such generous treatment as mentioned above.

However, it has recently been reported that the Hankow Government has decided to close the Chinese Embassy at Tokyo in the near future. We do not know the reasons for this measure. Such a step, is quite an arbitrary one on the part of the Hankow Government and is no concern of the Japanese Government. It is needless to say that after the evacuation of the Embassy, its buildings will be placed under the complete protection of the Japanese authorities.

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